



## **News from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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### **Shelby County Website Awarded for Transparency**

Shelby County Government's Information Technology Division has received national recognition for the design and content of the county's website: [www.shelbycountyttn.gov](http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov)

***"Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency, ranked Shelby County's website as one of the best in the nation for having important information posted about the operations of Shelby County Government,"*** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

This year, only 247 of the more than 7,000 government websites ranked by *Sunshine Review* earned a 'Sunny Award.'

***"The 'Sunny Awards' recognize governments that make transparency a priority. We congratulate Shelby County Government for being a champion in technology. It's an example for other governments around the nation,"*** said Michael Barnhart, President of *Sunshine Review*.

The county's recognition falls during "Sunshine Week," March 10-16, a time each year when civic organizations and media outlets promote government transparency.

*Sunshine Review* staff used specific criteria to rank Shelby County's website on ease and accessibility to elected officials, administrative staff, public records and other information.

***"We are one of only three governments in Tennessee to receive the award. It's a real boost for our staff in the Information Technology Division. They, and representatives from various Shelby County Government bureaus, work together each day to ensure our website is user-friendly,"*** said John Halbert, Chief Information Officer for Shelby County Government.

For more about *Sunshine Review's* national award rankings, go to [http://sunshinereview.org/index.php/2013\\_Sunny\\_Awards#2013\\_Winners](http://sunshinereview.org/index.php/2013_Sunny_Awards#2013_Winners) or call Kristin McMurray at 773-234-9812.

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